

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method for processing a paper expense receipt using a computer
2 system comprising the steps of:
3 receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual
4 incurring an expense;
5 receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt from the
6 computer input device;
7 processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;
8 populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and
9 displaying the electronic expense report to the individual; and
10 wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the
11 computer system.
- 12 2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer input device is a portable
13 scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera
14 or communicator camera.
- 1 3. (canceled)
- 1 4. (canceled)

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the step of processing the electronic image is
 2 further comprised of the steps of:
 3 using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;
 4 parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 6. (canceled)

2 7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense data is date of expense, expense
 3 amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 8. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising the steps of:
 2 receiving additional data;
 3 modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;
 4 displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and
 5 storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1 9. (canceled)

1 10. (canceled)

1 11. (canceled)

1 12. (canceled)

1 13. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of encrypting the electronic
 2 image.

1 14. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of encrypting the expense
 2 report.

1 15. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the computer applies a set of expense rules to the
2 expense data.

1 16. (canceled)

1 17. (canceled)

1 18. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report and receipt image are displayed
2 simultaneously.

1 19. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 20. (canceled)

1 21. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of checking for duplicate
2 receipts.

1 22. (canceled)

23. (currently amended) A computer readable medium containing instructions for controlling a computer system to perform a method for storing a paper expense receipt comprising the steps of:

receiving at a computer input device the paper expense receipt from an individual incurring an expense;

receiving on a computer processor an electronic image of the expense receipt;

processing the electronic image to obtain expense data;

populating an electronic expense report with the expense data; and

displaying the electronic expense report to the individual; and

wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the computer system.

24. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer input device is a portable scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera or communicator camera.

25. (canceled)

26. (canceled)

27. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the step of processing the electronic image is further comprised of the steps of:

using character recognition software to obtain text data from the electronic image;

parsing the text data to search for expense data.

28. (canceled)

1 29. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense data is comprised
2 of date of expense, expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 30. (previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method
2 further comprises the steps of:

3 receiving additional data;
4 modifying the electronic expense report with the additional data;
5 displaying the modified electronic expense report to the individual; and
6 storing the modified expense report in non-volatile memory.

1 31. (canceled)

2 32. (canceled)

1 33. (canceled)

1 34. (canceled)

1 35. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of
2 encrypting the electronic image.

1 36. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 further comprising the step of
2 encrypting the expense report.

1 37. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the computer applies a set of
2 expense rules to the expense data.

1 38. (canceled)

2 39. (canceled)

1 40. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report and
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 41. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the expense report, a list of
2 scanned receipts, and receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 42. (canceled)

1 43. (original) The computer readable medium of claim 23 wherein the method is further
2 comprised of the step of checking for duplicate receipts.

1 44. (canceled)

1 45. (currently amended) A computer system for processing a paper expense receipt comprised
2 of:

3 a computer input device for receiving the paper expense receipt from an individual
4 incurring an expense, and creating an electronic image of the receipt;

5 a computer processor in communication with the computer input device;

6 a software module operating on the computer processor for processing the electronic
7 image to obtain expense data;

8 a software module operating on the computer processor for filling in an expense report
9 with the expense data; and

10 a display in communication with the computer on which the expense report is displayed
11 to the individual; and

12 wherein the position of the expense data on the expense receipt is not predefined for the
13 computer system.

1 46. (canceled)

1 47. (previously presented) The system of claim 45 wherein the computer input device is a
2 scanner, digital camera, facsimile machine, personal digital assistant camera, telephone camera
3 or communicator camera.

1 48. (canceled)

1 49. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the software module for processing the electronic
2 image is further comprised of:

3 a character recognition software module to obtain text data from the electronic image;
4 a parsing software module for parsing the text data to search for expense data.

1 50. (canceled)

1 51. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense data is comprised of date of expense,
2 expense amount, vendor name, payment method or vendor address.

1 52. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a second input device for receiving
2 additional data to modify the expense report.

1 53. (canceled)

1 54. (canceled)

1 55. (canceled)

1 56. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module operating on the
2 computer processor for encrypting the electronic image.

1 57. (original) The system of claim 45 further comprising a software module for applying a set of
2 expense rules to the expense data and expense report.

1 58. (canceled)

1 59. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report and receipt image are
2 displayed simultaneously.

1 60. (original) The system of claim 45 wherein the expense report, a list of scanned receipts, and
2 receipt image are displayed simultaneously.

1 61. (canceled)

1 62. (currently amended) The system of claim 45 further comprising ~~further comprising a~~
2 software module to check for duplicate receipts.

1 63. (canceled)